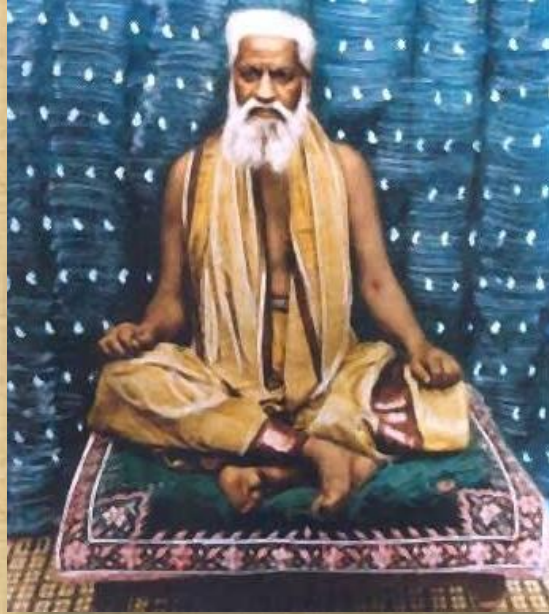


HUZUR MAHARAJ



Huzur Maharaj (Salig Ram) was the Gurumukh and Successor of Soami Ji Maharaj after having been given the spiritual torch. Soami Ji had once stated that at times He did not know whether He was the Guru, or Salig Ram was His. In the latter's 'Prem Patra' discourses, He makes several references to the importance of Soami Ji's form and spirit, who even though had left His physical existence continues to help each and every Satsangi who devotes themselves to Him. In Huzur Maharaj's 'Prem Updesh', He also states the following:

“Huzur Radhasoami Dayal is ever present with all, in His Shabd-form, i.e., He is present within everyone. Often it happens that He does not manifest Himself in Satguru-form. Some good is intended in this, for otherwise it is feared spiritual progress and betterment may stop.”

“One should pray for the manifestation of that Form within. If the physical Form of Sat Guru is not near at hand, the real Spiritual Form is always present within everyone.”

(Note: We believe in the living Sat Guru of the time, however, in the absence of one in the world, or who has not yet manifested since Babuji who died in 1949, we choose Soami Ji Maharaj's form to contemplate (dhyan) within. In our estimation, there is no form more powerful than Soami Ji's, as He was the human incarnation and embodiment of Radhasoami Dayal, the Supreme Being.)

The following passages are all from Huzur Maharaj's 'Prem Patra' discourses:

"Satsangis should have full love and affection for the bodily form of Radhasoami Dayal (Soami Ji Maharaj) by which He promulgated the Radhasoami Faith and gave out the easy method of raising the mind and spirit by means of Surat Shabd, which can lead to true salvation."

"All those who join Radhasoami Faith and getting initiated into the practices of Surat Shabd Yoga... must consider Radhasoami Dayal as the Supreme Being, Supreme Creator, Omnipotent and the source of Love and Knowledge. They should consider the August Personage (Soami Ji Maharaj), who promulgated the Radhasoami Faith... to be the Incarnation of the Supreme Being Radhasoami. They should engender intense love for and faith in both..."

"New Satsangis who join the Radhasoami Faith, are eager to see the form of the Supreme Being Radhasoami Dayal (Soami Ji Maharaj). They are filled with immense joy when they see His photo.... The Nij Swarup (the higher Shabd form) of Radhasoami Dayal is the Isht (goal) of a Satsangi."

SOAMI JI'S SPIRIT IS STILL WITH US

"At the time of his departure, He (Soami Ji Maharaj) was also pleased to declare that nobody should think that He was going away. He would be with every Abhyasi Satsangi (those who performs spiritual practices), and look after his welfare and advancement in a greater measure than before. It is, therefore, incumbent upon every loving devotee and practitioner of Surat Shabd Abhyas to engender deep love for the holy feet of Radhasoami Dayal."

"Radhasoami Dayal is Omnipotent and Supreme Being. At the time of departure from this world, He (Soami Ji Maharaj) declared that He would always look after Satsangis. Therefore He would certainly shower some grace and grant devotion and love to those who would engender love and faith in His holy feet... In short, the entire work of salvation is initiated in accordance with the Mauj (Divine Will) of the Supreme Father Radhasoami Dayal. He is himself keeping watch over this work."

Salig Ram (Huzur Maharaj) also commented on what to do in the absence of a living Sant Sat Guru, saying that a Satsangi (a devoted follower) who is making progress within could initiate and help newcomers into the Faith:

“Therefore, all those who desire true welfare of their soul and deliverance from births and deaths... should seek for Sat Guru, or Sadh Guru. In their absence they should find a devoted Satsangi who is engaged in the performance of internal practices with love and enthusiasm and is progressing inwards. They should get initiated in Surat Shabd Yoga by any of them, learn the mysteries of the Highest Abode, and begin performing the practices as much as possible.”

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“If, perchance, the Sant Sat Guru is not met with, a person should go to the Satsang held by His loving devotees. There he should meet the devotees and hear the holy Bachans and Banis. From this he will derive the same benefit as he would have done by meeting with the Sant Sat Guru, for the Sant Sat Guru is present in gupt roop (hidden form) in the Satsang held by His lovers and devotees. Through them, Jivas (spirits) are enabled to acquire understanding and to receive updesch (initiation). In this way, He showers His grace, and effects their salvation. Those who join such a Satsang and perform Abhyas with sincerity and love, will sooner or later get His Darshan. Internal grace is showered on them from the very moment they receive initiation and commence Abhyas.”

“Among the followers of Radhasoami Dayal, some are authorized to initiate people in the modes of devotional practices of Radhasoami Faith. There is no objection if initiates treat such a person as a Sadh. But the Supreme Being Radhasoami Dayal alone should be considered as Guru, Sat Guru or Saint.”



SOAMI JI'S LAST WORDS TO FUTURE SATSANGIS

“No Satsangi, whether a house-holder or a Sadhu, should worry at all. I am constantly with every one, and greater care of all will be taken in the future.”